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	Dimitrovgrad-Burgas High Tension Line
	A high tension line is being constructed between Dimitrovgrad and Burgas. It is to pass between Novoselets (N 42-18, E 26-08) and Radetski (N 42-17, E 26-11). 25)
	In late 1952, pits had been dug for poles and five tons of iron poles in the vicinity of Novoselets. the high tension line should be completed by the end of 1953.
	State Cypsum Quarries
	A State-owned gypsum enterprise has its headquarters at Radnevo. There are nine quarries, six of which are in operation, in the vicinity of Radnevo, Novoselets, and Kovachevo (N 42-14, E 26-04). An average of 50-60 men work in each quarry during the summer; villagers increase the labor force during the winter. In the summer, about 100 men work in quarry No. 8 located between Novoselets and Kovachevo, and in the winter about 200 men work at the quarry.
	The gypsum is transported to Radnevo where it is processed and packed in bags for shipment to all parts of Bulgaria. The "greater portion" is sent to the cement factory in the Rakovski section of Dimitrovgrad.
	A 4-man Bulgarian geological research commission headed by Lyubomir Bicharov, a geologist from Sofia, is currently looking for gypsum deposits about two or two and one-half kilometers south of Novoselets in the direction of Kovachevo.
	Soda Water Bottling in Novoselets
	There is a small "limonata" bottling plant in the center of Novoselets village. About 1,500-2,000 bottles per day are produced by hand. These are sold in the surrounding villages.
	the greatest economic strain in Bulgaria at present is on the white collar government worker.
	The Runo Textile Factory near Sofia
	The State textile factory (Durzhaven Tekstilen Kombinat) "Runo" is located 100- 120 meters northwest of Iskur station about 10 kilometers southeast of Sofia. It is located in an area 200 meters square. This is the largest textile factory in Bulgaria, employing 2,000-2,300 workers and producing wool and cotton cloth.
_	The director is Ivan Georgiev Yordanov,

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